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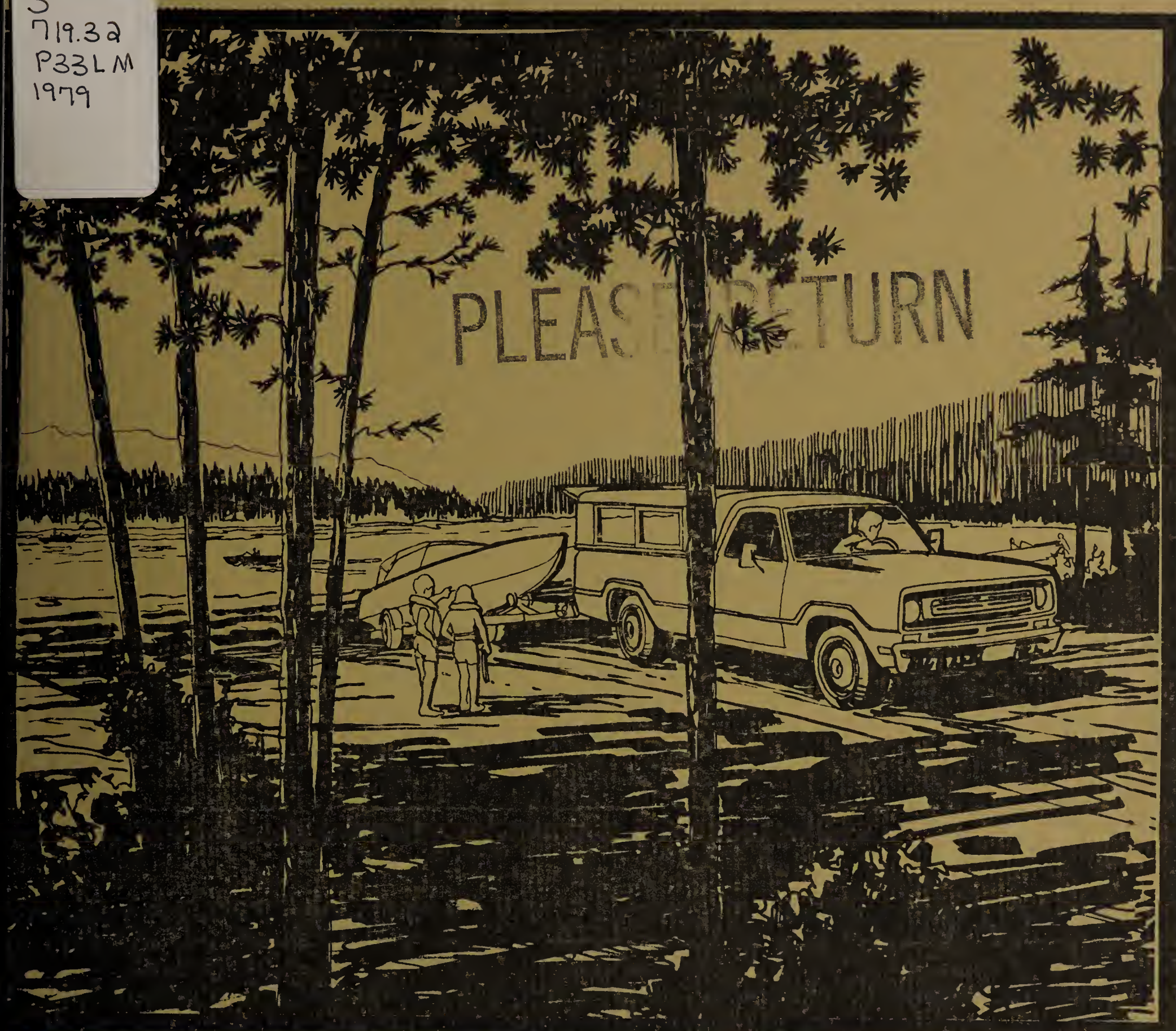

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the area

The 76-acre Lambeth Memorial State Recreation Area is located on the eastern shore of Lake Mary Ronan about 25 miles northwest of Polson. The site slopes toward the lake; the shoreline is relatively straight and the lake bottom is extremely shallow with emergent vegetation common in a zone 10 to 60 feet off-shore. The area, which is well forested with a second growth of Douglas-fir and western larch, is characterized by poor drainage.

existing use and facilities

Lambeth is exceptionally popular because of the fishing opportunity, particularly for bass and salmon. Because of this, most activity at the area centers around fishing and is predominated by boating, camping, picnicking, with hiking, nature study, and general relaxation providing additional activities. The popularity of Lambeth among local residents is obvious when it is realized that its camping facilities receive the highest pressure relative to designed capacity of any state park or recreation area in northwest Montana except Finley Point. Furthermore, Lambeth receives the least pressure from nonresidents among the state parks and recreation areas in northwest Montana.

In 1969, Lambeth was provided with minimum facilities to support the common activities carried on there. Since 1969, however, use has increased more rapidly than expected and their facilities are now in need of expansion and renovation. The proposed work at Lambeth would provide for improvement and expansion of the camping area, road repair, renovation of the boat ramp area, expanded parking facilities, a public water supply and an administrative area.

need for funding

An expansion of the camping area is necessary to the provision of recreational opportunities at Lambeth. The conditions of both the road and boat ramp are such that while they may not present a threat to life and limb, they are inconvenient and may cause damage to expensive recreational equipment. The situation at the boat ramp is particularly chaotic and possibly dangerous. At the present time, there is no public water supply which, at best, is inconvenient and, at worst, is a potential health hazard. Use at Lambeth is sufficient to require the presence of a caretaker and, as at all such areas, a camping fee is charged. However, without an administrative area, the caretaker is required to travel unnecessary and expensive distances while providing less than satisfactory service to the area and its visitors.

Without funding for this project, conditions at Lambeth will rapidly degenerate. In the long run, this will deny local residents a satisfying recreation experience in an immensely popular state recreation area.

cost estimate

1.	Orientation Area	$ 1,340.00
2.	Entry Gate	700.00
3.	Caretaker Area	1,980.00
4.	Sewer System	2,980.00
5.	Water System	39,100.00
6	Electric System	4,800.00
7.	Boat Ramp Area	15,150.00
8.	Parking Area	1,160.00
9.	Camping Area	8,348.00
10.	Signing	3.842.00
11.	Barriers	750.00
	Sub Total	80,150.00
	Engineering, Surveying and Contingencies	19,850.00
	TOTAL:	$ 100,000.00

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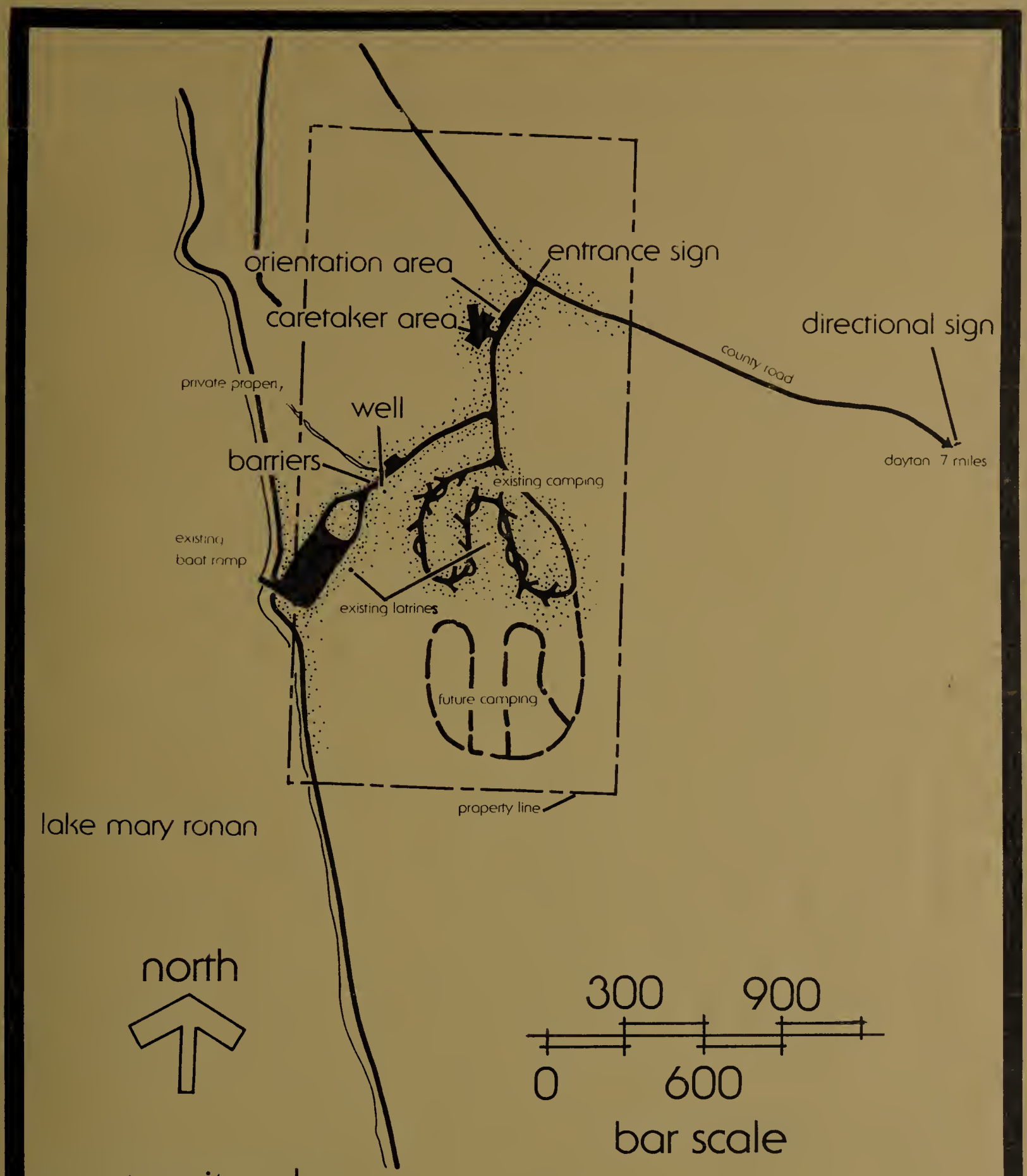

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